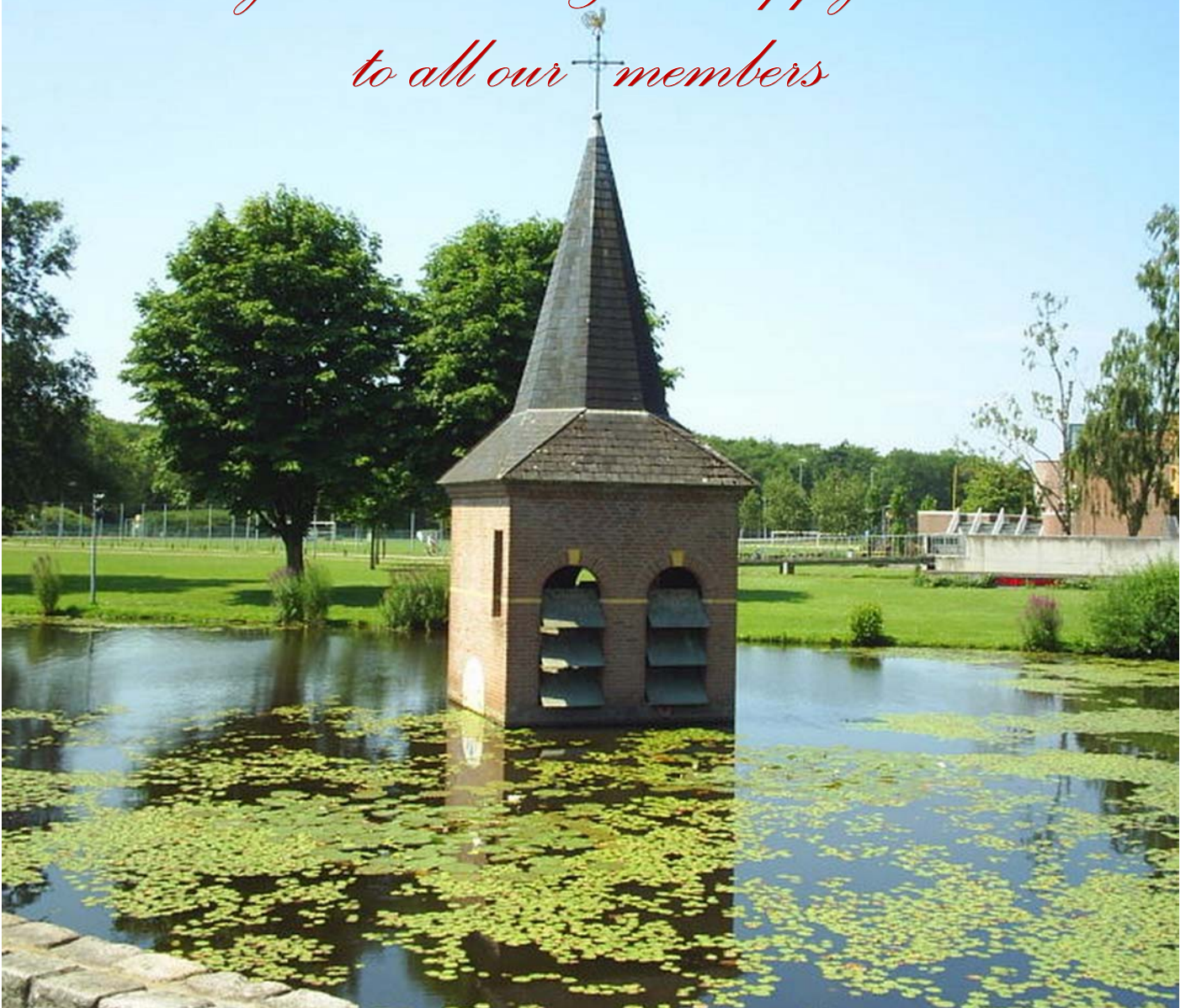


*A Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all our members*



A spire that sunk in the water on the campus of the Enschede University of Twente? No, it is in fact the 1979 work of artist Wim T. Schippers, called “Torentje van Drienerlo”, that at first sparked some controversy, but later proved to be a well appreciated feature. More on the city of Enschede on pages 18 & 19.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.
For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

Sunday 4 December **"St Nicholas for the Children"** 1.00pm
Doors open noon
Cost: Children \$ 9.00
Adults \$ 9.00
Entertainment by: Mr Magic Man
Note: Presents for the children are not included in the admittance price.

Thursday 8 December **"DJVV Christmas Lunch"** *Shop open*
Members or by invitation only

Saturday 10 December **"DACWA Christmas Lunch"**
By invitation only

Wed 14 December **"Wednesday Card Club Break-up Lunch"**
Members only

Thursday 15 Dec **"KJC Neerlandia Break-up Evening"**

Sunday 18 Dec **"Christmas Carols"** 1.00 pm
Doors open: 11.30 am
Cost: \$10.00
(Includes unlimited Coffee/Tea)
(more details in advertisement on page 8)

Monday 2 January '12 **"New Year's Celebration"** 11.00 am
Doors open 10.30 am
Cost: \$12.00
(More details in Advertisement on page 10)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEERLANDIA CLUBHOUSE WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY THE 19TH OF DECEMBER UNTIL WEDNESDAY THE 18TH OF JANUARY 2012 EXCEPT FOR THE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION ON THE 2ND OF JANUARY.

Friday 27 January **"End of Month Drinks"** 5.30pm—7.30pm
Free Entry

Sunday 5 February **"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"** 11.00 am
Cost: \$ 7.00

Sunday 19 February **"Sunday Brunch"** 10.00 am
Cost: \$12.00
(More details in advertisement on page 22)

Clubhouse Address:

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Wembley WA 6014
ABN: 33 211 869 383

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P. O. Box 200,
Wembley, W. A. 6913

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www.dutchclubwa.com

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Private Members Parties:

For bookings of Private Members Parties or information that is not in this magazine, please phone:
Pieter Leeflang on: 9364 6703 or Lianna Parker on: 0419 181 154

Costs for using our Clubhouse facilities are:

Use of Hall \$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge \$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen \$100.00 (Incl. GST)

Messages from your President

Dear Members,

With the first six month of the financial year almost behind us, I think Neerlandia can look towards 2012 with a great lot of confidence.

We seemed to have turned the corner, in contrast to those dire predictions that forecasted the demise of our club.

I am very well aware that some warning bells have been ringing loud and clear during the last few years.

Our aging members still support us by keeping their membership up to date, but their visits to the clubhouse have been diminishing as well as the spending per head. In recent times many of the Dutch Associations in WA have folded such as NESWA, NESA, the Hollandia Choir and the last one to fold was the Handwerk Club. In addition to this the Clogdancers only have two performing members left and the Sandgropers have no longer a Carnaval Prins or Princess and are in recess, hoping for better times that may or may not come!

The only Associations that seem to do well are the Dutch Singers, our own Neerlandia and to a lesser extend the Card Clubs.

Why is this so, you may very well ask. Following is a very simple explanation.

These organisations were prepared to broaden their horizons and to look outside the square so to speak, to throw old fashioned ideas, traditions and old concepts out of the window and they were prepared to take risks to encourage growth.

Just because things have been done a certain way during the last umpteenth years, it does not mean that those ideas cannot and should not be altered or thrown out. Any Dutch organization that is formed by the migrants of the 50's and that is not prepared to change is doomed. Neerlandia is on the right track and I am greatly encouraged by all the signs. On Friday evening the 28th of October there were quite a few families with children that attended the EoMD, this is something which we have not seen for over twenty years. (Of course besides Saint Nicholas Day).

Building activity in the Library:

The DACWA downstairs office is occupied by three office staff and they were desperate for some more office space.

Following discussions with DACWA, a plan for minor renovations was agreed upon. The builder has already completed this extension into the Library.

This work will achieve the following: It will give more office space for the DACWA staff and give them some much needed overhead storage space for archives etc. For Neerlandia this meant repositioning the bookcases; gives us an opportunity to redecorate the area and make it less cluttered; freeing up shelf space in the storage room next to the library.

This is what I call a win-win situation all around.



Donations:

Donations are still coming in for our table top appeal and I would like to thank all those that did so. Details of those and others are posted on page 6 by our secretary.

Sinterklaas and Christmas Stock:

The shop reports that Saint Nicholas and Christmas stock has arrived and is available during the normal shop opening times.

For those that like to give a bottle of Dutch Liquor to someone, we have a small stock of Pollen Rode Bessen Jenever as well as Millwood, the yummy Dutch Baileys made with real Dutch cream.

Additional Committee Members:

Gerry Creemers has joined the Neerlandia Committee. Welcome aboard Gerry!

Membership Payments:

Your membership renewals are due as from the 1st of January, but as there is no magazine published in January, you will find a membership Renewal Form already inside this issue.

Anyone who pays his or her subscription before the 31st of March, will go in the draw to have his or her contribution refunded. Don't miss out on that opportunity.

For many years Irma van der Kwast has made herself available to collect Membership fees from the Associated Clubs. However, it is all becoming a bit too much and she has decided to call it a day.

Irma, on behalf of Neerlandia we like to thank you very much for all the work you have done by collecting the membership fees.

From now on the fees will be collected by the following people:

Klaverjas/Bolivia Club Neerlandia: Pieter Leeftang.

The Wednesday Card Club: Lianna Parker.

The DJVV: Ann Heistek or Lianna Parker.

Dutch Singers: Vera Horsten.

Neerlandia Magazine:

Please note there will be no magazine published in January and the next one will be February 2012.

The clubs break-and starting-up dates can be found on page 2.

Merry Christmas:

I would like to conclude by giving my very best wishes to all our Members for a Merry Christmas and that 2012 may bring you lots of happiness and especially good health and you may enjoy the company of family & friends.

**Pieter Leeftang,
your President**



GET WELL SOON

To those members who are not feeling too well, who are ill, injured or who are battling a severe illness, the Neerlandia Committee wish you all the very best and above all, a full and speedy recovery.

Information about our Clubs & our Members

Het Neerlandia Handwerk Clubje:

Het einde van een veel bewogen jaar is er weer nabij.
Een jaar met veel tegenslagen.

Ten eerste was er de ziekte en het overlijden van mijn dierbare man Giel in Mei, na een zestig jarige huwelijks leven gehad te hebben.

Een maand later kwam mijn beste vriendin Fie Bunning in het ziekenhuis te liggen na een paar keer gevallen te zijn.

Het ging niet al te goed met haar en zij moest van het ziekenhuis een paar weken naar Rehabilitation om wat op the knappen.

Maar helaas mag ze niet meer naar huis en zij is nu in een Nursing Home opgenomen.

Dat is het KO-I-NOOR Nursing Home, 34 Pangbourne Street in Wembley, niet al te ver van het Neerlandia Clubhuis.

Iedereen is welcome om haar te bezoeken, want zij heeft geen familie die hier woont.

Haar zus Jacko uit België is hier drie weken geweest en haar broer George en zijn vrouw Bep uit Nederland zijn hier voor drie maanden en gaan binnenkort ook weer weg, wat een erg grote schok zal zijn voor Fie, aangezien ze haar twee maal per dag bezoeken.

Ja, wij worden allemaal een dagje ouder en ik heb nu ook besloten om na dertig jaar het Handwerk Clubje op te heffen.

Nog vele dank aan Fie, Anke, Corrie en Alex voor de gezellige uurtjes die we doorgebracht hebben elke tweede Dinsdag in het Clubhuis.

Ik zal het wel missen maar aan alles komt een einde.

Hiermede will ik alle leden van Neerlandia en van DACWA, zowel als alle vrienden een Zalige Kerst en een Voorspoedig Nieuw Jaar toewensen.

Lies Baggen

De Jeugd van Vroeger (DJVV):

Het jaar loopt alweer ten einde. Sinterklaas vierden wij op 24 November en wij houden ons Kerstdiner op 8 December. Dat is ook de laatste bijeenkomst van 2011 en wij komen weer bij elkaar op 19 January 2012.

Met de keuken gaat alles soms een beetje moeilijk, maar er is altijd wel iemand die uithelpt. Dank je wel hoor!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

JOINED

THE DUTCH SOCIETY NEERLANDIA

**PATRICK BLAAUW
FIONA BLAAUW**

Wij wensen al onze zieken een spoedig herstel en aan ieder lid Prettige Kerstdagen en een Gezond en Voorspoedig 2012.

An Hotz, secretary.

November Sunday Klaverjas Drive:

On Sunday the 13th of November the last Sunday Klaverjas Drive of 2011 was held and it was fitting that it happened to be a very nice and mild spring day.

Not less than 34 players turned up, which meant that we had 8 tables of 4 people and 2 players could not take part in the competition.

Pieter and Irma volunteered to stand aside.

Just after 11.00 am the competition started, only to be interrupted after two games for lunch, prepared as usual by Irma van der Kwast and Thea de Koning.

After another two games the scorecards started to trickle in and it soon became apparent that, besides the winner, the scores were not very high.

These winners were:

1st prize:	Alex Udinga	6903 points
2nd prize:	Rinus van den Ende	6640 points
3rd prize:	Shirley van Kwawegen	6586 points

The next Sunday Drive will be held on Sunday the 5th of February 2012.

Pieter Leeftang.

IN LOVING MEMORY

The following of our Members
have passed away recently:

**Willy van Dieken,
from Bunbury**

**Lien Klinge
from Ocean Reef**

**Gerry Becker, from Balga,
on the 11th of October**

**Mien Walter, from Rockingham,
on the 26th of October**

Our sincere condolences go to all their families
from the Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA,
from the Wednesday Card Club,
and from De Jeugd Van Vroeger. (DJVV)



May They Rest in Peace.

Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

*De eerste Sunday
Klaverjas Drives in
2012 worden
gehouden op
Zondag 5 February
en Zondag 4 Maart.*

Kosten: \$7.00 per persoon.

Kom gezellig Klaverjassen in het
Neerlandia Clubhuis.

De prijzen zijn te goed bonnen
voor de winkel.

Lunch & Koffie
zijn bij de
toegangsprijs
inbegrepen.

**DUTCH IMPORTED LIQUOR**

INMAAK BRANDEWIJN	\$50.00 PER LITER
OUDE Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
JONGE Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
CITROEN Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
BEERENBURG	\$50.00 PER LITER
POLLEN BESSEN Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
ZWARTE BESSEN Jenever	\$40.00 PER LITER
CITROEN BRANDEWIJN	\$40.00 PER LITER
KERSEN BRANDEWIJN	\$40.00 PER LITER
MILLWOOD LIQUEUR	\$30.00 per 700 ML
DIKKE ADVocaAT	\$30.00 per 700 ML

AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:

DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2
Fridays:	10.00 am—1.00 pm

**PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN
ALSO BE COLLECTED WHEN THE
SHOP IS OPEN:**

Every 2nd Tuesday from:
10.00 am—12 noon
Every Wednesday from:
11.00 am—1.00 pm

End of Month Drinks

**There will be no End of month Drinks in December, so the
next one will be held on Friday 27 January 2012.**

**The Clubhouse will be open from 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
Come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with
old friends or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer or a
Dutch snack or just a cup of coffee!**

Available from our Kitchen:

**Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart! Broodje Krokot! Broodje
Frikandel! Broodje Rookworst! Bitterballen! Chips!**

The Neerlandia “Winkel” will be open as well.

Everyone welcome - Everyone welcome - Everyone welcome.

SPOT LIGHT ON:

Doreen Westerduin from Bunbury, who made a financial donation to Neerlandia.

Ben Hovingh who kindly offered to repair a side table that I had brought in for the patio area.

Ann Neil, who brought in a portable air cooler and a table, also for the patio area.

Rinus van den Ende, who donated a couple of children's chairs for the children's area.

John Maarsen, who during the End of Month Drinks in October made sure that the kitchen was free of dirty dishes. Two hours of hand washing - sensational!

Dora, Nellie & Ann who, during the October End of Month Drinks, kept the kitchen running while it changed into a mad house, due to popular demand of finger food and lack of volunteers to prepare it. Thank you very much indeed ladies; only a few know what you went through that evening.....

THESE PEOPLE ADOPTED A TOP:

This month a big "thank you" goes to **Toon & Hanny**, who did not adopt one, not two, not three but five table tops for \$50 each.

Toon and Hanny are the only clogdancers left, who still perform at hostels and nursing homes and these were some of the proceeds of all those performances. The Committee is immensely appreciative of this very generous donation.

The ladies of the Handwerk Club, who have decided to call it a day and who donated \$50.00 for a table top.

OVER THE MOON:

"Be careful what you wish for" went through my mind when the lounge was bursting with energy, voices and laughter while the kitchen was running hot: End of Month Drinks October 2011.

As that Friday was a part of the CHOGM Long Weekend we had not anticipated to welcome between 70 - 80 guests but they were here, at Neerlandia, for the monthly "borrel".

The new dry bars proved a great success and so did all the (electronic) toys in the Patio, which we, on those special Fridays, refer to as "The Children's Paradise".

Twice Marieke and I had to dash to Alex in the shop to buy yet another box of bitterballen or kroketjes; the fricandellen were finished by 7.30pm. So busy we were that we forgot to close the kitchen....

Yes, we know that we have to fine-tune parts of the presentation and yes, we realize that some orders did

not go as smoothly as we would all have liked it to go but hey, what a breakthrough for Dutch Club Neerlandia: two consecutive months of around 80 people of which a heap of them new faces each time. With this positive development comes the next step to take: we need new volunteers. The End of Month Drinks and the functions that we are planning for 2012 are predominantly, "voor jongeren door jongeren", so we have now started a serious search for younger people who are enthusiastic and willing to assist in the kitchen. We will be working on a roster so that everyone has the chance to be part of every function organised. Please contact either Marieke or myself to put your name down.

Mentioning Marieke's name brings me to Membership 2012 for which a form is inserted in this magazine. Please remember that we have a competition going for you to have your membership subs reimbursed: everyone who becomes a member or who renews his/her membership before 31 March 2012, will go into the draw for free membership. The name will be drawn during the Neerlandia Committee Meeting of Monday 9 April 2012. Make sure you're in it!

I don't know if you've heard, there is a movement all over the world amongst the Expatriate Dutch, living and working outside The Netherlands, to fight against a government proposal to take away the Dutch nationality of those Dutch with dual nationality.

I was hoping to publish the article in this month's issue of the Neerlandia Magazine but, as you have seen, the magazine is pretty full as it is. However, I will keep the article for next month while I will give you the link for more information. This link takes you to the page to sign the petition against this unrealistic proposal:

<http://petities.nl/petitie/nederlanders-overzee-mogen-niet-van-hun-staatsburgerschap-worden-beroofd>

On this note I would like to wish you and your loved ones a relaxing Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2012; may we all stand at the dawn of a new beginning for Dutch Society "Neerlandia".
Gezondheid!

Lianna Parker
Secretary

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(lianna_parker) or 0419 181 154

Marieke vd Berg:
mariekevandenberg@westnet.com.au

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Melbourne Cup Lunch:

On Tuesday the 2nd of November it was the day of the Melbourne Cup, the race that stops this nation. At Neerlandia we had organised a 3 course Lunch



The Office Staff of Dutch Aged Care were glad to get out of the offices for a while.

and although the turnout was not as good as we had expected, it was still a successful day with a good atmosphere. The 3-course Lunch was prepared by John Duckford and served by our own volunteer Kitchen Staff.



Please, give me a winning horse!



Winners are grinners, specially when collecting their winnings.

Of course we ran several sweepstakes with lots of winners who got nice cash prizes.



At any Melbourne Cup Function there has to be a Hat Parade.



Henk Hanemaaijer got a prize for his Top Hat.

Not everyone was wearing a hat, but those that did were asked to do a Hat Parade and the independent judges selected the winners. For those that did not attend, you missed a very good event.



Dora van der List got a prize for the most creative hat.



Gerry Creemers was judged to have the most elegant hat & outfit.

I would like to thank those that were there, please bring some friends along next year to make it even better.

And a big thank-you to our volunteers, who looked after is so well.

Pieter Leeftang.

Christmas around the World



Presented by “The Dutch Singers”

DATE: Sunday 18 December
Venue: Neerlandia Clubhouse
230 Cambridge Street Wembley 6014
Cost: \$10.00 per person.
Note: The Admission price includes unlimited Coffee/Tea
Show Time: 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Doors open: 11.30 am

Come early as our Kitchen will be open for Coffee & Lunch Snacks
Please come and join the Dutch Singers with their famous repertoire of
Multicultural Christmas Songs as well as Community Singing
There will be a raffle with beautiful Prizes.

Pre-paid Tickets from The Dutch Singers:

Vera Horsten: 9279 5785

Gerry Creemers: 9356 4207

Alida Reitzenstein: 9384 6161

or

Ans van Alphen: 9342 6525 (9.00 am—9.00 pm)

Please book your tickets early as we limit the number of tickets sold
and we expect a full house.

End of the Month Drinks in October

October End of the Month Drinks:

The popularity of the End of the Month Drinks seems to be increasing, going on the last two events that were held.

In October we had over 80 people that attended and we received lots of praise for the recent installation



of the two Dry Bars (2 high tables with 4 bar stools each)

And every month we see new faces turning up, who are made welcome and usually find a familiar face to have a chat or catch up with.

This sudden popularity caught us a bit by surprise and our Kitchen Volunteers were somewhat



overwhelmed, which caused some delays with serving food, for which we sincerely apologise. But steps have been taken that this will not occur on future EoMD's again.

It is so good to see so many young families



attending our club once again. The children that were kept busy in the patio. This area is a work in progress and it will be decked out even better



in the near future. Here, they will be able to play video or other games to their heart's content.



Having said that, even some of our older guests did not seem to mind playing a game or two on the Sjoelbak.

But playing games was not the only activity that was taking place.

Our bar manager for the evening, Barrie Parker also had his hands full to keep the liquid refreshments going and especially the Dutch beers got a hiding.

The main hall was used as an overflow area, which was appreciated by those that wanted to sit down and have a meal with their children.

By the time you receive this magazine, the November EoMD is history and there will be no EoMD in December for obvious reasons.

So the next one will not be held until Friday the 27th of January 2012. See you there.

Pieter Leeftang



New Year's Celebration

HAPPY NEW YEAR

HAPPY NEW YEAR

On Monday the 2nd of January 2012

Join us to celebrate the new year 2012
with a light **Lunch**, a **DVD Show**
and a New Year's Party afterwards.



***When: Monday the
2nd of January 2012
Time: Doors open at
10.30 am.***

***Cost: \$12.00 per
person to cover the
cost of the Lunch.***

HAPPY NEW YEAR

***11.00– 11.30: On arrival Coffee
or Tea with “Appelflappen”***

11.30-12.30: Musical DVD Show

***12.30-1.15: Lunch, which will be
a “Broodje Croquet with Chips”***

1.15-2.00: Musical DVD Show

***2.00 onwards: Nibbles & Platters
will be placed on the tables and it
will be party time with CD music
and with the Bar open.***

Fancy a little dancing?

**For Catering Purposes please
book and pre-pay your seats.**

Please contact:

**Ans van Alphen on
9342 6525 (9.00 am-9.00 pm)**



NEERLANDIA COMPUTER LESSONS

Our computer lessons for beginners have started up once again and will be conducted by Ad Liebrechts and/or Alf Ukich on Friday mornings in the Clubhouse from 10.00 am – noon.



They will be able to assist you with your software problems, but you need to bring your own laptop.

Please contact Ad Liebrechts.
Tel: 9279 7383

This service is free for our Members, but there will be a small charge for Coffee served.

This is a tribute to all the Grandmas and Grandpas who have been fearless and learned to use the Computer.....



They are the greatest!!!

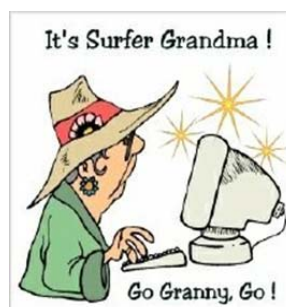
The computer swallowed grandma.
Yes, honestly its true!
She pressed 'control and 'enter'
And disappeared from view..

It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
she must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Jeeves
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online.'

So, if inside your 'Inbox,'
My Grandma you should see,
Please 'Copy, Scan' and 'Paste'
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Members Birthdays

The following Members will celebrate their birthday during **the month of December 2011.**

We wish them all a very **Happy Birthday !**

Pieter	Leeflang
Anthonina	Butler
Ineke	Baldé
Wilhelmina	Hogen-Esch
John	Maarssen
Gerard	Schoonens
Adrie	Schoonens
Ray	Schaafsma
Henry	Koldenhoven
Marieke	van den Berg
Henk	Piller
Ludwig	Reitzenstein
Tony	de Grijs
Janke	Raayen
Brigitta	Weel
Henny	van Heumen
Thea	Bloks
Siena	Tomkins
Gwen	Reynolds
Wilma	Mitchell
Thea	Gorter
Evaline	Timmermans
Marinus	van den Ende
Mieke	van de Velde
Herman	Lamers
Lenie	Wisse
Cornelia	Torenvlied
Reinder	Ruiter
Jacqueline	Dinnes



The following Members will celebrate their birthday during **the month of January 2012.**

We wish them all a very **Happy Birthday!**

Rianne	Eijkhoudt
Alex	Udinga
Lies	Baggen
Robert	van Straalen
Irma	van der Kwast
Theo	van Pelt

(Continued February 2012)

Joanne	Viersma
Dammes	Smit
Anne	Voorn
Gerry	James
Nel	Bouwman
Peter	Bouwman
Margriet	Agterhuis
Tom	van Doorn
Tilly	Stulcbauer
Tonda	Pouw
Corry	van Ryt
Miep	Boekelman
Carolien	Evans
Jenni	Berg
Barrie	Parker
Thea	Young
Martin	Staats
Aleksey	Grimm
Henk	de Jong
Aagje	Boekelaar
Paula	Wessels
Ben	Hovingh
Hanny	Kamps
Riet	Heyman
Murray	Koedijk
Jannie	Kuper
Willem	van der Heiden
Lenie	Wolfs
Martin	Lamers
Frank	Indrisie
Josta	von Hombracht
Jan	Kalkhoven
Dirk	Verboon
Jan	de Geeter
Jacob	Vermeulen
Linda	Dawson



If your birthday is not mentioned or the details are not correct, this means that we have the incorrect data entered in our membership database. Or you may wish that your birthday is not mentioned at all. To make changes to the above you need to contact our **Membership Administrator, Marieke van den Berg.** Her E-mail address is: **mariekevandenberg@westnet.com.au**



December 2011

DUTCH AGED CARE NEWSLETTER

The Official Publication of Dutch Aged Care Western Australia Inc.
To all members and supporters of DACWA

EDITORIAL

By the time that you are reading this Newsletter, Christmas is only a few weeks away. Hopefully this thought does not cause you any stress; I hope that the thoughts of Christmas fill you with warmth and happy memories, with smiles and expectations of a relaxing time in this hectic life.

Christmas time is traditionally the time to reflect on the year that was. And we at DACWA have done the same. For DACWA it has been a very busy year with changes and new adventures.

An adventure that comes to mind first would be the DACWA Information day, which was held on 16 April. The interest expressed in this day proved that there is a need for information amongst our members.

DACWA is considering a second of these informative days to cater for all your questions regarding Aged Care in (Western) Australia. At the moment the next DACWA Information Day is scheduled for April 2012 and the Board is inviting you to contact Office Staff if you have any subjects or questions that you would like to have discussed that day.

A more lighthearted function was the Flea Market. This trash & treasure day was organized in cooperation with Neerlandia as a fundraiser for DACWA. Although the turnout could have been better, DACWA still raised \$500 for its CVS program.

In September you were all invited for the DACWA Annual General Meeting. As many of you were unable to attend, the Vice President's presentation is included in this DACWA Newsletter. Copies of the Care Manager's Presentation and the one of the CVS/HVS Coordinator are available on request from the DACWA Office.

In this newsletter you will find contributions from Support Worker Connie, from CVS/HVS' Joyce and a lovely write up by Regine about the Ratatouille Group. Annegret this time tells about her day in the office whereas Anneke Rombouts submitted part 2 of a two part article titled Caring for Older Australians.

Like always, the DACWA Board, Office Staff, Staff and members worked together to supply you with another good read regarding what DACWA stands for: Care for the elderly of Germanic cultural heritage.

The Board and DACWA Staff take this opportunity to wish you a merry Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year.

Lianna Parker

'CARING FOR OLDER AUSTRALIANS' Final Report

In a previous DACWA newsletter, I wrote an article about the draft report into Caring for Older Australians. The Productivity Commission's inquiry was launched because of the social and economic challenges Australia is facing at present, due to the increasing ageing population. Over the next 40 years, the number of Australians aged 85 and over - the major users of aged care services - is projected to more than quadruple, from around 0.4 million in 2010 to 1.8 million by 2050 (Productivity Commission, 2011).

In June 2011, the final Productivity Commission Inquiry Report was published. It is an extensive report in two volumes. Volume One contains an overview, recommendations, a summary of proposals and chapter 1 to 5. Volume 2 contains chapters 6 to 17, an appendix and references. The inquiry looks at both community and residential care, with added emphasis on Aboriginal people and people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds, i.e. the clients of DACWA. The vast scope of the inquiry encompasses financial and workforce aspects, frameworks for assessing aged care, quality of care and support, catering for diversity, informal carers and volunteers, and age-friendly housing and retirement villages, to name a few.

Altogether the report takes up around 600 pages, and a lot of time, effort and energy was obviously invested in it. Let's hope that the government will act on this report, and that some real improvements will be made in the not too distant future. A spare copy is located in DACWA's office, and we invite you to peruse this document, which is also available online (www.pc.gov.au).

Anneke Rombouts

DACWA NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Monthly DACWA Board Meeting - Every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

For details on DACWA Board or DACWA in general, contact Karin on:
9382 4186 or
9382 1983 or
email: dacwa@dacwa.org

Ratatouille Club – every other Thursday.

A friendly get together with light physical and/or mental exercises.
Clients and DACWA members welcome. Participation \$3 per session.
For details contact the CACP Care Team on:
9388 1678 or
9382 1983 or
email: dacwa@dacwa.org

Friends of DACWA End of Month Drinks – Every Last Friday of the Month

From 5.30pm – 7.30pm in the Lounge of Dutch Club “Neerlandia”, 230 Cambridge Street, Wembley

Manual Handling - Thursday 1 December 2011

Workshop for DACWA Support Workers

DACWA Clients' Lunch – 10 December 2011

By invitation only

DACWA sausage sizzle at Bunnings – 24 March 2012

Details in next DACWA Newsletter

SEEKING VOLONTEERS

Do you have a couple of hours per fortnight spare and would you like to become a DACWA Volunteer and visit the elderly of Dutch or German background? Please don't hesitate to contact the CVS/HVS Coordinator on 9382 4186 or 9382 1983 to talk it over.

During the Annual General Meeting 2011 the following persons were acknowledged:

10 years Volunteering Certificate went to

Fie Bunning
Tini van Doorn
Thea de Koning
Sienna Tompkins
Ann Hodgens

Life Memberships were received by

Corrie Teeuw
Ida de Ruijter

DACWA welcomes submissions to this Newsletter. To be considered for publication, the article must be written in the English language and the contents of the article must promote DACWA's philosophy.

Submissions may be edited for clarity.

You can submit your article to the DACWA Office or email it to:
officeManager@dacwa.org

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DACWA NEWSLETTER

A DAY IN THE OFFICE LIFE OF ANNEGRET

When did you start working for DACWA?

I started with DACWA in November 1997 as a Support Worker and as a Coordinator in early 2010

What is your position within the organization?

I am a Community Aged Care coordinator.

What are your responsibilities?

As Coordinators we are responsible to coordinate Aged Care Packages and to make sure that the care we provide is delivered to the Standards we work to.

We liaise a lot with Social Workers, Family members and other Service Providers to keep each other informed and to develop strategies to support our clients in the best possible way.

In our everyday responsibilities we have to make sure that care hours are covered, additional care requests are met. Sometimes we also provide direct care ourselves if Support Staff is not available.

Can you give us key words to describe your work involvement with the organization?

Our work requires a lot of communication with clients, Support Staff and within our care team. I

am very fortunate to have a very supportive Colleague in Jose and a very experienced Care Team Manager in Regine.



Describe to us a good day in the office, please?

A good day in the office is when I feel that our work makes a positive difference in a person's life. To make our work successful, we have to build relationships with our clients. This can sometimes take a while and it is so good when this develops.

Do you have bad office days as well?

Not really bad days but sometimes sad days. We are a small service provider and have a very close relationship with our clients. When the time comes that clients are leaving our program it can be sad.

If you wanted us to know anything specific or extraordinary about your work, what would that be?

Every fortnight we have our Ratatouille Fun Group here at the Clubhouse. We meet with a small Group of clients to do some "Mind and Body" exercise.

Over the last few months this group has grown very close and everybody is very supportive of each other.

Annegret Renke-Kotzee

DACWA LIFE MEMBERSHIP



Recently Mrs Corrie Teeuwen received DACWA Life Membership. Corrie is very happy and proud and she would like to thank DACWA Staff and the Board for this honour bestowed on her.

Still enjoying life, Corrie very much enjoys sitting in the garden and when Support Worker Connie visits her, to go out for a coffee with cake in a nearby restaurant.

Corrie would like to take this opportunity to wish all her friends and those who know her, a happy and healthy Christmas.

Connie Teeuwen
DACWA Support Worker

Volunteers' Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 2nd November DACWA. hosted an early Christmas luncheon at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle.

The luncheon was held to say a big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who give their time so willingly to visit older Dutch persons in Aged Care Facilities or their homes. Quite a few volunteers were at the luncheon and it was good to catch up with them again and have a chat in a very nice setting with good food and a drinks.

Joyce Kaya, the CVS Co-Coordinator, thanked all volunteers for coming and for all the good work they have done over the years. She said the visits are very much appreciated by the clients.

It is also very satisfying to have such a nice group of dedicated people willing to give their time.

Everyone was then presented with a nice Delft Blue gift, which was very well received by all.

Cheers, Gerry



CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE 2010 / 2011 AGM

Welcome Ladies and Gentleman to our Annual General Meeting for Dutch Aged Care for 2011, it is my pleasure to report on the year just passed.

This will be a brief overview of events during the year, with more detailed reporting from the CareTeam Manager and the CVS/HVS Coordinator on their day-to-day achievements and activities, on the programs under their control. Let me also note on the success of being awarded a further twelve new packages in December 2010, in the CACP program with most of those now filled at the time of writing this report. The CVS program has received funding for the 2011 / 2012 term, but will be subject to ongoing review by the Government sector, our own HVS program totally dependent on the goodwill of our members and their donations has been well supported this year, with monies received from the two Choirs, the Clogdancers and other private donors.

The Treasurer will report in more detail on our financial position as such, allow me to make brief comment on our improved cash flow from C/wealth funding and Client contributions, offset of course by increased cost in extra staff and supportworkers, utility items such as Insurance, travel and Motor Vehicle running costs. The CVS and HVS programs rebudgeted to run at a loss and covered from overall cashflow.

May I take the time here to compliment the Treasurer and the Office Manager on their skill and diligence in managing our financial affairs to their high prudential standards.

As we manage our various clients and pick up new ones, we become aware of many inconsistencies, that do and will effect their later life we refer to their legal position, the subject of Wills, Enduring Power of Attorney's and Enduring power of Guardianship. As a minimum we recommend all of the above in-our daily contact with our clients and their immediate family.

As a result of questions raised by others within our communities it was deemed to be important to initiate a public forum, where these issues could be fully discussed and put to industry leaders and experts in their field. A well attended Information Day was held at Neerlandia in April 2011, with guest speakers from Medical, Law, Finance and Nursing Home fields, providing their knowledge and expertise, we will hopefully run a similar day next year.

A sub group sponsored by Dacwa has initiated enquiries into the possibility of Nursing Home / Village proposals, initial enquiries have provided a positive response but a lot of work needs to happen before formally approaching the government and other interested bodies, anyone interested in supporting such a proposal should contact Dacwa in the first instance.

In closing I wish to thank my fellow Board members and our hardworking staff for all their support, the last few months have been tougher than normal but by working closely together we are a great team with enormous dedication to the ahead, looking after the welfare of the elderly in our community'

Henry Koldenhoven



Ratatouille-Fun Group/Picnic

The members of our Ratatouille-Fun Group enjoyed a day out. For weeks we had been planning this picnic but the weather did not allow us to go out until Thursday 6th October. We enjoyed the most perfect day for a BBQ at "Tomato Lake" in Belmont. Coordinator Annegret put a lot of effort into her planning; she had even found the time to bake a cake, which everybody enjoyed for desert.

Because of illness and a cancellation we only had a small group but it was great and two Support Workers assisted us with the transport of our clients.

Take a look at the pictures of the picnic and if you like what you see: we would love you to join our Ratatouille-Fun Group. Every other week this Group meets at the Neerlandia Clubhouse for some light exercises and brain games. Annegret looks after everyone and as she is a quali-

fied instructor, everybody is safe. Are you interested? Please call the Care Team on (08) 9382 1983 during Office Hours!

Regine Care Team Manager
For more photographs please visit: www.flickr.com/photos/20299790@N05/

Workshops

In July the Volunteers were treated on a Workshop presented by **Australian Hearing**, an organization that has sole authority under the free hearing scheme. The free hearing scheme started in 1947 to assist the hearing problems of war veterans and those who suffered the after-effects of the polio epidemic. Australian Hearing has 80 centers Australian wide to assist the hard of hearing.

The organization's representative Terry Johns explained how deafness can start, the various degrees of deafness and how Australian Hearing can facilitate those suffering from the condition.

The volunteers were surprised to hear that it takes an average of 6 – 10 years before people acknowledge their loss of hearing. The years leading up to having a hearing aid fitted are filled with social isolation and tensions in relationships as the deafness hinders normal conversations. However, once a hearing aid has been fitted, the world opens (again) for the bearer.

Terry stressed the importance of a hearing aid and advised the listeners to make an effort to hear again.

Australian Hearing provides free tests and also has an array of different hearing aids through its office of hearing services.

The volunteers were shown hearing aids, which these days are virtually invisible. Eventually the listeners were invited to experience the effect of hearing aids and everyone was amazed about the clarity of the sounds coming through the aid. The listeners learned about the various sorts and sizes of hearing aids; all these variations depend on the individual needs of the individual person.

Another valuable thing that the volunteers picked up was how to talk to make someone who is hard of hearing participate in the conversation.

There is information available at the DACWA office for those people who want to make contact with Australian Hearing. This organization has many support services for the hearing impaired. Hearing tests can be done over the phone whereas there is also a number of websites where the community can gather information on the services and assistance that Australian Hearing provides.

A few sources for information are: Australian Hearing www.hearing.com.au or www.hearing.com.au/relatedsites for more organizations related to hearing problems.

If you feel that your ability to hear has decreased and if you (sometimes) feel isolated as you are unable to follow a general conversation, please don't be shy and get in touch with Australian Hearing. This organization provides Government subsidized services and the latest digital hearing aids to among others, Australian pensioners, concession cardholders, most veterans and to people aged 50 or over. Give them a call now on 131 797 or get in touch with Joyce at the DACWA Office for more details.

A totally different workshop was held in October and presented by **ILC MACS** – Independent Living Centre WA Multicultural Aged Care Service.

The aim of ILC MACS is to educate, support and partner aged care providers. Although the volunteers are not aged care providers as such, the workshop was attended with great interest. This was partly due to the very enthusiastic and warm presentation and to the contents: everything the volunteers heard was applicable to everyday life.

The volunteers were encouraged to participate in small exercises. These exercises showed how easy it is to judge a book by its cover whereas, at the same time, a situation looks so much different when preconceived ideas are done away with. The tip of the iceberg is what is visible; underneath the water is what it is hidden, waiting to become visible once people become familiar with each other.

Apart from a slide show with interactive exercises, the attendees were shown the differences between a good listener and a bad one; and common strategies for conflict resolution were discussed.

This lively and interesting workshop was followed by a delicious lunch with amongst other fingerfood, mini spring rolls and Joyce's homemade gado gado. Everyone present had such a good time and it is therefore a great pity that so few volunteers find the time to attend the workshops. Not only does a workshop require a lot of preparation and organization to get speakers, the contents of the workshops is educational and applicable to the volunteers in their relationship with the HVS/CVS clients. DACWA strongly advises the volunteers to make an effort to attend the workshops, which are a great tool to learn about being a volunteer, the workshops also give the opportunity to network and catch up with the other volunteers. Do it and be there next time. Looking forward to seeing you in 2012!



New members spring 2011

Mrs Wilma Borgmeyer
Mrs Thea Macqueen
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Enschede, also known as *Eanske* in the local dialect of Twents, is a municipality and a city in the Netherlands East in the province of Overijssel and in the Twente region. The municipality of Enschede consisted just of the city of Enschede until 1935, when the rural municipality of Lonneker, which completely surrounded the city, was annexed after the rapid industrial expansion of Enschede, which began in the 1860s and also involved the building of railways and the digging of the Twentekanaal.

PRE-INDUSTRIALISATION

The early history of Enschede is largely unknown, but a settlement existed around the Old Marketplace in early medieval times. The name of this settlement is mentioned as *Anescede* or Enschede meaning either "near the border" (with Bentheim) or "near the Es" and sported a church, a marketplace and a fortified aristocratic house.

Enschede was granted city rights around 1300 which were confirmed in 1325 by Bishop Jan III van Diest and was therefore allowed to protect itself with a wall. Because a stone wall was too expensive (since stone had to be imported), Enschede had a system of ditches, palisades and hedges instead, which is still reflected in the street-names *Noorderhagen* and *Zuiderhagen* (North Hedge and South Hedge, respectively). The city plan of this era is still recognisable in the street-pattern.



Hengelosestraat

Because the medieval city was largely built of wood, and brick homes being the exception, fire was a constant risk and a series of fires in 1517, 1750 and again on 7 May 1862 earned the people from Enschede the nickname *Brandstichters* (arsonists).

INDUSTRIALISATION

The last fire coincided with the start of the growth of the city into a large production center of textiles, originally as a cottage industry, but since the start of the 19th century on an industrial scale, especially the manufacture of *bombazijn* (a mixture of cotton and linen) proved an export hit. One such factory to have produced textiles in the late 19th century is the Hardick & Seckel Factory.



Workers housing

The industrialisation stimulated a large increase in population, which at first was rather chaotic. The Krim and Sevastopol, two neighbourhoods, were originally intended for housing of workers, but in the early 20th century turned into absolute slums. The Krim was on the south side of the old town and consisted of three long streets, lined with rows of five shelter homes. The much smaller Sebastopol laid to the east.

The names of the slums, like de Krim and Sebastopol are still notorious, although they have long since been torn down. In 1907 the *laissez faire* mentality was dropped and Enschede was the first city in the Netherlands to draw up an official expansion-plan, incorporating the (surrounding) municipality of Lonneker.

WORLDWAR II

During the Second World War Enschede was one of the first Dutch cities to be captured by the Germans. Because it was close to Germany (only a few kilometers from the town of Gronau in Germany) and housed a German command center, Enschede was frequently bombed by allied troops, aiming for the German command center or mistaking Enschede for a German city. Enschede was liberated on 1 April 1945 by Allied, mainly Canadian, troops.



Enschede 1945

THE END OF THE INDUSTRIAL AGE



Rijksmuseum Twenthe

In the 1970s the textile production in Enschede came to a halt, due to fierce competition from mainly the Far East. This had a profound effect on the populace. Enschede became one of the poorest municipalities in the Netherlands and (de facto) went bankrupt. Large areas of industrial wasteland came to mark the city.

With the support of the national government, this property was acquired and rebuilt. The city center was rendered a car-free zone, the importance of Enschede as an Eu-regional Centre was stimulated and Enschede managed to rise from the ashes; for once not literally.

The elegant City of Enschede

FIREWORKS DISASTER

The Enschede fireworks disaster was a catastrophic fireworks explosion occurring at the SE Fireworks depot on 13 May 2000.

The fire led to an enormous explosion which killed 23 people (including four firemen) and injured 947. The biggest blast was felt up to 30 kilometers from the scene. SE Fireworks was a major importer of fireworks from China and supplier to pop concerts and major festive events in the Netherlands. Prior to the disaster it had a good safety record and met all safety audits.

A 40 hectare area around the warehouse was destroyed by the blast. Around 400 houses were destroyed, 15 streets incinerated and a total of 1,500 homes were damaged, leaving 1,250 people homeless - essentially obliterating the neighbourhood of Roombeek. Ten thousand residents were evacuated. The damage bill eventually exceeded €450 million.

It appeared that the fire began in the work area of the central building where some 900 kg of fireworks were stored. This fire then extended to two full containers that had been stored illegally outside in the open. A reaction of explosions eventually led to the ignition. The fireworks bunker ignition caused the explosion of 177 tons of fireworks, virtually destroying the area.

A total of €8.5m in compensation was awarded to the victims of the Enschede firework factory explosion according to the organisation in charge of distributing the compensation, the UPV, having assessed 3,519 claims: 300 people cash for incurring extra costs, 136 people money for loss of income and 1,477 people compensation for health problems. The area that was destroyed by the blast has since been rebuilt.



After the fires were extinguished.....

ENSCHEDE TODAY

Elegant historic buildings in the town and surrounding area are evocative of Enschede's rich textile past. Some of the town's most notable monuments are the beautiful town hall, several beautiful churches and a unique synagogue.



Town Hall

At the same time, large-scale urban renewal has given Enschede a new skyline with eye-catching, contemporary architecture. Well worth a visit is the Van Heekplein. This shopping centre gives the town a modern flair and a lively charm.

Besides the familiar large department stores, a number of specialist shops have also been established around the Van Heekplein, making Enschede the ultimate shopping city of the East.

TWENTE UNIVERSITY

The Twente University teaches mainly technical studies. It's one of only three technical universities in the Netherlands. The university has courses in pure technical studies such as Applied Physics, Applied Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Informatics/Computer Science and Industrial Engineering. It also offers courses in Communication, Psychology, Economical Sciences, Business, Public Administration, Applied Medicine and Biomedical Technology.

FAMOUS GROLSCH BIER

The Grolsch brewery was founded in 1615 in Groenlo. The town of Groenlo was then known as Grolle, hence the name Grolsch, meaning 'of Grolle'. Grolsch is best known for its 5% abv pale lager, Grolsch Premium Pilsner. The brewery was first operated by Willem Neerfeldt. Neerfeldt's son-in-law, Peter Sanford Cuyper, later took over. Grolsch was, as of February 2006, the second largest brewer in the Netherlands (after Heineken) with annual production of 3.2 million hectoliters. The domestic market comprises fifty-one per cent of total production.



Blijdensteinpark-villa De Bank



The unique Synagogue



Harbour on Twentekanaal

Compiled by Lou Dingjan with information from the internet.

Carnaval at Neerlandia

Prinsenball:

On Sunday the 6th of November just over 100 carnival enthusiasts were at Neerlandia to be entertained by WA's own Carnaval Club: "The Sandgropers".

The doors opened at 11.00 am, which gave those that came early an opportunity to get a cup of Coffee and home-made Dutch "Appeltaart" from the Neerlandia Kitchen.

By midday just about everyone had arrived and they



Vorst Harry welcomes some of the regular guests

were all served with a "Belegd Broodje" for Lunch, courtesy of the Sandgropers. This gesture was very much appreciated by all.

At 1.00 pm Gerry van Sambeeck started up his popular brand of music and it did not take long before the first dancing couples hit the dance floor.

The bar, of course had already opened to ensure that those who felt like a drink, could get one.

Just after 2.00 pm Theo van de Peppel entertained the



Ray Schaafsma & Aat Kievit enjoying a Borreltje, served by Tony Horsten

crowd with a few jokes and a sing-a-long and this was followed by the march-in of the Sandgropers and the outgoing Princess Thea.

Thea read her proclamation, during which she thanked everyone for the lovely year she had. All that remained now was her disrobing as reigning Princess.

It was really a sad occasion as the Sandgropers had decided not to crown another Prince or Princess and it is very likely that they will not hold another Carnaval or Prinsen Ball for a while.



Princess Thea the 1st proposing a toast to Carnaval after thanking everyone for the lovely year she had.

It was at this stage that 5 Ex-Sandgroper 'Prinsen', all wearing their "Prinsen" Hats and "Prinsen" Medals, came forward to say farewell to Princess Thea. They saluted her, being the very last reigning Princess, fittingly in the traditional Carnaval fashion.

In reply Harry Crijns announced that the Sandgropers



Five Ex-Prinsen: Teunis Maaskant, Ray Schaafsma, Aat Kievit, Karel Nissen and Pieter Leeflang.

had not folded, but were in recess and they sincerely hoped to rebuild. But just the same they would like to organise one annual fundraiser of some kind.

As a departing gesture, Ex Princess Thea placed bottles of red wine on all the tables and then it was time for the



Marty Lamers, Beppie van Maanen, Adeline van Dijk and Riet Lamers.

always popular "Polonaise" and "Hokey-Pokey". After that all that remained was the drawing of the door prize. (the raffle had been drawn earlier)

Pieter Leeflang



Ex-princess handing the door prize to Willie van Bruggen.

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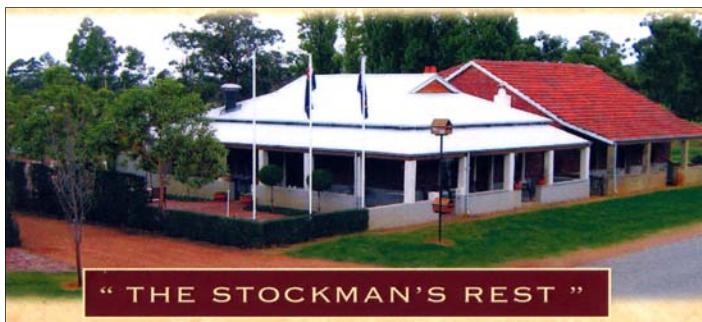
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BBQ Hollandia Biljard Club & Upcoming Event in 2012

Barbeque Hollandia Biljard Club:

On Sunday the 30th of October The Hollandia Biljard club held their annual Barbeque in their clubhouse in Wattle Grove.

About 30 members and guest had turned up and it happened to be a lovely day.



The men went straight to the pool and biljard tables, while the guests and non-players were busy socialising and taking in some liquid or other refreshments. At about 5.30 the Barbeque was fired up and it was up Ad Liebrechts and Ray



Schaafsma to cook the steaks and the sausages and they did not disappoint the hungry mob as they produced some superb steaks. While this was happening, Jo Smit and Jan Meyer cut up the onions, which Pieter Leeftang fried on a



wood fired stove. All in all they produced a superb meal for everyone.

On arrival everyone had brought some prizes for the raffles that were held to cover some of the expenses and most people went home with one or more prizes. Then it was time to go home again fully satisfied after another successful day.

Pieter Leeftang.



OUR NEXT BRUNCH WILL BE ON SUNDAY THE 19TH OF FEBRUARY AT 10.00 AM



Brunch

Sunday 19 February 2012

Come and Join us for our Dutch "Brunch".

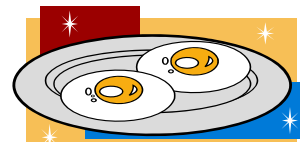
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Adults: \$12.00
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For catering purposes, pre-payment is necessary when you make your booking.

Contact: Ans van Alphen on 9342 6525 (9 am – 9 pm)



Christmas Wishes



The Committee of the Dutch Society Neerlandia wish all their members and their families, as well as those of our Associated Clubs, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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To all members, clients & friends, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Board & Office Staff of Dutch Aged Care.

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Christmas 2011.

We are celebrating another festive season and again for many of us, our thoughts are going back to memorable events in our lives, that now gradually evaporate in the mists of time. I will start with the abbreviated Bible story from the book of Lucas, chapter two:-

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the Nazareth into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David). To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were sure afraid. And the Angel said unto them: 'Fear not, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you, ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger'.

And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill toward men. And it came to pass as the Angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another: 'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us'.



And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in the manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it

wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the Angel before he was conceived in the womb. And when the days of her

purification according to the law of Moses was accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord). And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the Law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

And behold there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the spirit into the temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law. Then took he him up in his arms and blessed God and said 'Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel'. And Joseph and his mother marveled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them and said unto Mary his mother: Behold this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (yes, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And when they had performed all things according-to-the Law of the-Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

And the child grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom and the Grace of God was upon him.

My own story about a Christmas, long ago, is a trip I made in the very cold hunger winter of 1944/1945, a trip from Varsseveld to Zaandam.

We could not believe our eyes one day when we were reading those pamphlets glued on walls and nailed on trees, that we had to evacuate Arnhem before a certain date, or else we would be shot on sight when spotted. And so I went together with the other boarders and our landlord, our pushbikes loaded with food and clothes, north into the unknown, hopefully finding some place where to settle for the time. So we did by finding an abandoned holiday cottage in a bush-setting about six kilometers north of Arnhem. What we did not know, however, was soon revealed to us a few nights later, when a bomb exploded nearby in the middle of the night, shattering the windows and waking us up. It appeared that one of those V-One bomb launching pads had been set up nearby, blasting their missiles to London. This one misfired and blew up nearby. After a few days I returned to the ghost city, in order to report on German army units there, so this information could then reach the Allies south of the big river systems, separating the free south from the occupied north of the Netherlands. A few days later I was captured by a German patrol and marched to the commanding officer of a nearby anti aircraft gun emplacement. Going to be shot as a saboteur, I escaped in the confusion when the interrogation was disrupted as their guns started to fire at overhead Allied aircraft. This

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all took place during the great battle for the Rhine Bridge near Arnhem, code-named 'Market Garden' from 17-25 September 1944 between the Allied forces pushing north and the retreating Germans.

I arrived in Doetichem where I looked up a resistance contact a few days later after having evaded road controls and one razzia where men were rounded up for transport to Germany. I finally arrived in Varsseveld, where I found shelter with friends already known to me, the builder/farmer Willem Vriese and his family.

From earlier days before the battle of Arnhem and its evacuation, I had learned to know the Vriese family as a representative of the "Zaanse Houthandel" in Arnhem selling timber to him.

It was there that I found peace for some time after a year having been on the run to avoid capture by the Germans because of my earlier activities in Zaandam of helping to destroy a register of males between 18 and 30 years of age and also because of being a young male.

It was fun, helping out with the daily activities of the family, especially at night time, when we brought out two long wires with a hook at the end, which we hung each on a negative and positive overhead power line, passing the farm and timber workshop. Blanketing out the noise of the various woodworking machines with old mattresses against windows and a door, we then started to fulfill the orders of Vriese's clients with power, stolen from the power lines, supplied from the German city of Bocholt, not so far away. The 'landwacht' or local Nazi police, who suspected what was illegally going on, by this time was too afraid to take action because of a possible retribution later-on when the Germans had so clearly lost the war. Life in those days especially in the rural areas was based on pure bartering, one exchanged potatoes, grain, milk products, eggs, bacon, meat or anything edible against other comforts of life like sugar, tea/coffee, smokes, coal/firewood and even the table silver, bed sheets, jewelry etc. The local windmill produced flour from wheat and rye of which quite a lot disappeared in the black market of bartering.

Now well into a savage cold December with snow covering the fields, with tree branches hanging down, heavy with snow and waterways frozen up, Christmas was not far away. My thoughts were with my parents, struggling with their food coupons, trying to stay healthy on a rather poor sort of diet. And so it was decided I should once again make the trip to Zaandam, bringing some cheer to the family, especially now for Christmas. With some bartering, I had real pneumatic tyres in good condition on my pushbike, now heavily loaded with edible goodies like flour, a baked chook, a side of bacon, boiled eggs, butter, a big loaf of freshly baked pure Rye bread, as well a milk to drink on the way and whole-meal sandwiches covered with worst and cheese. And there I went, early that cold morning, a few days before Christmas.

Bike riding was relatively easy in the 'Achterhoek' from Varsseveld towards Doetinchem, but then coming onto the major roads towards Amsterdam, trouble started.

Detours in various sections, and always looking at the sky for marauding Allied planes, shooting at trucks and cars passing by, making it necessary at times to dismount and cover in one of those slit trenches along the roads. Then when least expected, German police control of identity papers and at times a thorough inspection of the baggage I was carrying. But I was well prepared, on my left arm an armlet in red with on a white circular background the hated Swastika, bearing the stamp of 'Organisation Todt' (which I had retrieved from a body during the battle of Arnhem), together with relevant identity papers (partly fake), I managed to get through. But with all the delays, I had to overnight well over halfway with a welcoming farmer who let me sleep in a shed stacked with hay (before that I had taken off the enemy's armlet).

Early the following day, after thanking the farmer, I continued my journey, now reaching the outskirts of Amsterdam. Well into the city, my front tyre sprung a leak. Luck was with me once again by spotting a bicycle shop not far away. An atrocious price was quoted to seal the punctured tube properly and I had to agree. It was midday.

While this tyre was being repaired, I sat down on a box, unwrapped a sandwich and started to eat, thereby drinking some of the milk I had with me.

While the man was at work, his wife came out of a door leading into the shop and whispered to her husband, while looking at me. When finished with his job and after pumping up the tyre, I pulled out my wallet to pay. He held up his arm and said, looking at me, 'Please sir, could you pay me with something to eat. I looked at him, noticing the deep set eyes in his white hollow face and saw his wife, now standing next to him. Without thinking I responded by handing over the rest of my sandwiches plus the milk left. I left the couple with their blessings for a good end to the rest of my trip. This is what we had come to in that terrible cold hunger winter.

The home coming was joyful, you can imagine. Happiness however was tempered as my parents were worried that people in the street might have seen me arriving home with a heavily packed bicycle. That together with the fact that I was on the black list of the German Security police (because of my complicity in destroying the local male register), we decided that I should leave again immediately and not stay overnight. And away I went, back to Varsseveld on Christmas-eve, with a light heart but with tears in my eyes knowing that a better time could not be far away.

To all of my readers, once again, I wish a Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Gerard Woerlee.



Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle Wizard

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CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



How to play the Game:

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter all the time in this puzzle. All you have to do is find out which letter is represented by which number! The codes for only 2 letters are revealed. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase mistakes.

The last Codebreaker was not one of the easiest, but once you found the words "Oboe, Abhor and Boer", you were on away.

Following is the full solution:

A=13; B=1; C=10; D=6; E=17; F=16; G=21; H=25; I=22; J=2; K=24; L=26; M=20; N=11; O=8; P=9; Q=5; R=4; S=15; T=7; U=12; V=19; W=3; X=14; Y=18; Z=23.

Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

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